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Employment

University of Milano-Bicocca

Postdoctoral Researcher

ERC Synergy: *Realizing Leibniz's Dream: Child Languages as a Mirror of the Mind*, Acquirer group

PIs: Artemis Alexiadou (HU), Maria Teresa Guasti (UniMiB), and Uli Sauerland (ZAS)

Milan, Italy

February 2021 -

Education

Harvard University

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Title: *Polar questions and interrogative particles: a crosslinguistic investigation*

Committee: Gennaro Chierchia (chair), Kathryn Davidson, Anamaria Fălăuş

M.A. in Linguistics

Cambridge, MA

January 2021

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

27th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information

Barcelona, Spain

2015

Université de Nantes

M.A. in Linguistics (*Summa cum laude*)

B.A. in Linguistics (*Summa cum laude*)

B.S. in Mathematics

Nantes, France

2014

2012

2011

University of Wrocław

European Generative Grammar Summer School in Linguistics

Wrocław, Poland

2013

Presentations

PEER-REVIEWED

- 2022 **Negative concord in the acquisition of non-negative concord languages**, Johannes Hein, {Cory Bill, Imke Driemel, Aurore Gonzalez, Ivona Ilić, Paloma Jeretič}, Maria Teresa Guasti, 58th Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS), The University of Chicago, April 22-24, 2022 [Online](#)
- 2021 **How children ask questions across languages**, Kazuko Yatsushiro, {Chiara Dal Farra, Aurore Gonzalez, Johannes Hein, Silvia Silleresi}, {Alicia Avellana, Aijun Huang, Johnson F. Ilori, Gayathri G. Krishnan, Lilla Pintér}, {Maria Teresa Guasti, Uli Sauerland}, 46th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD), Boston University, November 4-7, 2021 [Online](#)
- 2021 **Presuppositions in polar questions**, [poster] [Online](#)
31st Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference (SALT), Brown University, May 7-9, 2021
- 2021 **Two types of presuppositions in polar questions**, Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 44, GLOW Board, April 15-17 2021 [Online](#)

2021	Expletive negation and negative polarity: the view from Québec French , {Aurore Gonzalez, Justin Royer}, DGfS2021 - Workshop <i>Empirical approaches to canonical and non-canonical uses of negation</i> , University of Freiburg, February 24-26, 2021	Online
2020	“Expletive negation” as a decomposed NPI in Québec French , {Aurore Gonzalez, Justin Royer}, Going Romance 34, Université Paris 8 / CNRS, November 25-27, 2020	Online
2020	Free Choice in Constituent Unconditionals: Evidence from French , {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva}, Sensus 2020, UMass, April 18-19, 2020 September 26-27, 2020	Online
2019	The syntax and semantics of French constituent unconditionals , [poster] {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva}, CSSP 2019, Université Paris 8 / CNRS, October 2-4, 2019	Paris, France
2019	A Compositional Semantics for Free Choice Constituent Unconditionals , [poster] {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva}, Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 24, Osnabrück University, September 4-7, 2019	Osnabrück, Germany
2019	French constituent unconditionals relativize a free choice item , {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva}, 49th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), University of Georgia, May 1-4, 2019	Athens, GA
2018	Answering negative questions in American Sign Language , Aurore Gonzalez, Kate Henninger and Kathryn Davidson, RALFe 2018, Université Paris 8 / CNRS, December 6-7, 2018	Paris, France
2018	Answering negative questions in American Sign Language , Aurore Gonzalez, Kate Henninger and Kathryn Davidson, 49th North East Linguistic Society (NELS), Cornell University, October 5-7, 2018	Ithaca, NY
2018	Countability distinctions without linguistic cues , [poster] ConSOLE 2018, UCL, February 14-16, 2018	London, UK
2017	Bare nominals in French and Romanian , {Aurore Gonzalez, Teodora Mihoc}, 47th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), University of Delaware, April 20-23, 2017	Newark, DE
2016	A morpho-semantic decomposition of French <i>le moindre</i> into <i>even+superlative</i> , {Aurore Gonzalez, Sophie Moracchini}, 46th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), Stony Brook University, March 31- April 3, 2016	Stony Brook, NY
2015	Negative coordination in French , ESSLLI 2015 - Student Session, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, August 3-14, 2015	Barcelona, Spain
2015	Negative coordination in Spanish vs. French , Elizabeth Heredia Murillo, Aurore Gonzalez and Hamida Demirdache, VII Encuentro de Gramática Generativa (EGG), July 29-31, 2015	Buenos Aires, Argentina
2014	Negative coordination: <i>ni</i> vs. <i>ni...ni</i> in French , Aurore Gonzalez and Hamida Demirdache, 44th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), Western University, May 2-4, 2014	London, Canada
2013	Negative Coordination: NPI <i>ni</i> & <i>n</i>-word <i>ni même</i> in French , SinFonJA 6, University of Niš, September 26-28, 2013	Niš, Serbia

INVITED

2021	Polar questions and interrogative particles: the view from Finnish and Turkish , BIL Seminar, University of Milano-Bicocca, May 19, 2021	Online
2019	Free choice in French constituent unconditionals , {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva}, SynSem Seminar, LLING UMR 6310 CNRS/Université de Nantes, September 20, 2019	Nantes, France
2019	Question-Answer Clauses: relation to focus , NYU Semantics Group, April 26, 2019	New York City, NY

- 2019 **Free choice in French constituent conditionals**, {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva},
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, March 11, 2019 *New York City, NY*
- 2018 **On embedded question-answer pairs**,
SynSem Seminar, LLLING UMR 6310 CNRS/Université de Nantes, December 4, 2018 *Nantes, France*
- 2014 **Negative coordination in French: single *ni* vs. double *ni***,
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, June 11, 2014 *Göttingen, Germany*

OTHER

- 2018 **Embedded question-answer pairs in American Sign Language and Korean**,
LingedIn, Harvard University, November 26, 2018 *Cambridge, MA*
- 2018 **Answering negative questions in American Sign Language**, Aurore Gonzalez and Kate Henninger,
Meaning & Modality Lab, Harvard University, May 8, 2018 *Cambridge, MA*
- 2017 **Bare nominals in French and Romanian**, {Aurore Gonzalez, Teodora Mihoc},
Meaning & Modality Lab, Harvard University, April 11, 2017 *Cambridge, MA*
- 2017 **Mass-count distinction without linguistic cues**,
Meaning & Modality Lab, Harvard University, March 28, 2017 *Cambridge, MA*
- 2016 **A morpho-semantic decomposition of French *le moindre* into *even+superlative***, {Aurore Gonzalez,
Sophie Moracchini}, LingedIn, Harvard University, March 23, 2016 *Cambridge, MA*
- 2015 **Morphologically complex expressions: analyzing *le moindre* as *superlative+even***, {Aurore Gonzalez,
Sophie Moracchini}, SNEWS, Harvard University, November 21, 2015 *Cambridge, MA*
- 2015 **Negative Concord in Georgian**,
ECO-5, Harvard University, April 11, 2015 *Cambridge, MA*
- 2014 **Probing the construal of anaphors in child: A pilot study with the focus particle *seulement***, {Aurore
Gonzalez, Sophie Moracchini}, Jiyoung Choi, Natasa Knezevic & Hamida Demirdache, 1st Groningen-Nantes
Van Gogh Workshop on the Acquisition of Syntax & Semantics, University of Groningen, June 31- July 1, 2014 *Groningen
Netherlands*

Publications

JOURNAL PAPERS

- Under review **Interrogative particles in polar questions: the view from Finnish and Turkish**, Submitted to *Glossa*;
Current decision: R&R.
- Under review **Residue of Universality**, Submitted to *Journal of Semantics*; Current decision: R&R.
- 2022 **An expletive negation unlike any other in Québec French: Exploring a ‘complex NPI’ analysis**,
{Aurore Gonzalez, Justin Royer}, RLLT17, eds. O. Matushansky, L. Roussarie, M. Russo, E. Soare and S.
Wauquier. Special issue of *Isogloss Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* 8(2)/3, 1-19.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.119>
- 2020 **Exclusivity in Unconditionals**, {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva}, *Snippets* 39: 1-2.
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.7358/snip-2020-039-golo>

BOOK CHAPTERS

- To appear **French constituent conditionals relativize a free choice item**, {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva},
Theory, data, and practice: Selected papers from the 49th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Language.

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

- To appear **Children's *Wh*-Questions across Languages: Some Preliminary Results**, Kazuko Yatsushiro, {Chiara Dal Farra, Aurore Gonzalez, Johannes Hein, Silvia Silleresi}, {Alicia Avellana, Aijun Huang, Johnson F. Ilori, Gayathri G. Krishnan, Lilla Pintér}, {Maria Teresa Guasti, Uli Sauerland}, *Proceedings of the 46th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*.
- 2020 **A Compositional Semantics for Free Choice Constituent Unconditionals**, {Aurore Gonzalez, Karoliina Lohiniva}, in M. Franke, N. Kompa, M. Liu, J. Mueller, and J. Schwab (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 24. 1, 223-241.
- 2019 **Answering negative questions in American Sign Language**, Aurore Gonzalez, Kate Henninger & Kathryn Davidson, in M. Baird and J. Pesetsky (eds.), *NELS 49: Proceedings of the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. 2, 31-44.
- 2018 **Countability distinctions without linguistic cues**, Aurore Gonzalez, in A. van Alem, A. Ionova and C. Pots (eds.), *ConSOLE XXVI: Proceedings of the 26th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, 99-115.
- 2015 **Negative coordination in French**, Aurore Gonzalez, in M. Kaeshammer and P. Schulz (eds.), *Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2015 Student Session*, 66-76.

OTHER

- 2019 **A Guide to Writing a Senior Thesis in Linguistics**, {Aurore Gonzalez, Yuyin He, Julia Sturm}, Harvard Writing Center.

Teaching

AS INSTRUCTOR

Harvard University

Experimental Methods in Linguistics

A beginner's introduction to experiments [with Teodora Mihoc]

Cambridge, MA

Fall 2017

April 25, 2017

Université de Nantes

Semantics & Pragmatics [with Lucas Tual]

Nantes, France

Spring 2014

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

Harvard University

Knowledge of Meaning (undergraduate level semantics, Instructor: Gennaro Chierchia)

Language, Structure & Cognition, Head TA (undergraduate intro course, Instructor: Kathryn Davidson)

Knowledge of Meaning (undergraduate level semantics, Instructor: Yimei Xiang)

Language, Structure & Cognition (undergraduate intro course, Instructor: Kathryn Davidson)

Cambridge, MA

Spring 2018

Fall 2017

Spring 2017

Fall 2016

Grants and Awards

RESEARCH & TRAVEL

Harvard University

GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Cambridge, MA

2019-2020

University of Georgia	Athens, GA
LSRL 49 Graduate Student Award	2019
Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
Graduate Student Council Conference Grant	2018
Institute for Quantitative Social Science Conference Travel Grant	2018
Université de Nantes	Nantes, France
Merit-based scholarship	2012-2014

TEACHING

Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
Derek C. Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching of Undergraduates, Nominee	2019
Harvard Bok Center Graduate Pedagogy Fellowship	2018-2019
Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for <i>Knowledge of Meaning</i>	2018
Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for <i>Language, Structure & Cognition</i>	2018
Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for <i>Knowledge of Meaning</i>	2017

Service and Experience

REVIEWING

SALT (2022), ConSOLE (2022), NELS (2021), Sensus (2020–2021), TFL-Nantes (2019), ESSLLI student session (2017)	Abstracts
Proceedings of ConSOLE XXVI (2018), Proceedings of SinFonJA 6 (2014)	Proceedings
Topics in Linguistics	Journal

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Boston University	Boston, MA
Student Volunteer at BUCLD 42	November 4, 2017
Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
Co-organizer of Southern New England Workshop in Semantics	November 21, 2015

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
Lab Manager, Meaning and Modality Lab (PI: Kathryn Davidson)	2018-2019
Research Assistant, Meaning and Modality Lab (PI: Kathryn Davidson)	Spring 2018
Lab Manager, Meaning and Modality Lab (PI: Kathryn Davidson)	2016-2017
Université de Nantes	Nantes, France
Collaborator on the Van Gogh project, <i>A crosslinguistic perspective on children's acquisition of Grammar-Meaning interfaces</i> , (PIs: Hamida Demirdache & Angeliek van Hout)	2014

STUDENT POSITIONS

Harvard University

Member of Admitted Students Welcome Committee	Cambridge, MA 2018-2019
Co-organizer of the LingedIn Workshop	2016-2017
President of Harvard Graduate Students in Linguistics	2016-2017
Member of Harvard Graduate Students in Linguistics	2014-2017
Co-organizer of Harvard Linguistic Circle Colloquium Series	2015-2016

Miscellaneous

AFFILIATIONS

University of Milano-Bicocca

BILGroup	Milan, Italy 2021-
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Harvard University

Meaning and Modality Lab (PI: Kathryn Davidson)	Cambridge, MA 2015-2021
Institute for Quantitative Social Science	2018-2021

TECHNICAL SKILLS

TeX, R, Python, Praat, Qualtrics, Labvanced

LANGUAGES

French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (heritage), ASL (beginner), LSF (beginner), Georgian (fieldwork)